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ShadowBolts
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, FLUTTERSHY. ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT TANK NEEDS?
ARE YOU KIDDING? SEE HOW HAPPY HE LOOKS?
POKE.
I DON'T KNOW. HE JUST LOOKS LIKE NORMAL TANK TO ME.
SPENDING TIME WITH OTHER ANIMALS WILL HELP HIM MAKE FRIENDS AND STAY WELL ADJUSTED.
PLUS, IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH MY OLDEST FRIEND.
I GUESS. BUT I REALLY NEED TO DISTRACT PINKIE SO THAT CHEESE SANDWICH CAN PLAN HER PARTY...
OH, JUST STAY FOR A MINUTE. USUALLY YOU MOVE SO FAST I ONLY EVER SEE YOU IF THERE'S AN—

EMERGENCY!
SLAM!
EEP!
APPLEJACK! WHAT'S GOING ON!
THE CHANGELINGS ARE BACK! QUEEN CHRYSALIS IS ATTACKING THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE!
OF COURSE SHE IS.
221B
YES! AND THEY'LL BE CALLING IN ALL WONDERBOLTS AND RECRUITS TO HELP! IT'S MY TIME TO SHINE.
YOU KNOW, ANIMAL FRIENDS, BACK BEFORE THE ELEMENTS OF HARMONY A PONY COULD HAVE A NICE TEA WITH HER FRIENDS WITHOUT—
!
SPWEE!
OH AND FLUTTERSHY, YOU DON'T MIND KEEPING AN EYE ON TANK FOR ME WHILE I... YA KNOW...
NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL. IN FACT—
AND SHE'S GONE AGAIN.

GOTTA GET TO CANTERLOT BEFORE THEY LEAVE WITHOUT ME!
OH YEAH, THIS IS GONNA BE SO COOL! I CAN'T WAIT TO STOMP SOME CHANGELINGS AGAIN!
RAINBOW DASH.
WHO?
COME ON, DASH, YOU REMEMBER US, DON'T YOU?
YOU GUYS AREN'T REAL! YOU WERE AN ILLUSION CREATED BY NIGHTMARE MOON TO GET ME TO TURN ON MY FRIENDS.
OH YEAH?

DOES THAT FEEL FAKE TO YOU?
HEY! NOT COOL!
BONK
CATCH US IF YOU CAN!
HEY! GET BACK HERE!
WHAT DO I DO? THE WONDERBOLTS NEED ME!
BUT IF THOSE SHADOWBOLTS ARE REAL, THEY COULD CAUSE ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS FOR PONYVILLE AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY WONDERBOLTS.
GRRR! SOMETIMES LOYALTY IS NOT THE EASIEST ELEMENT TO HAVE!

ALL RIGHT, WHAT DO YOU TWO WANT ANYWAY?
US? WHO SAYS WE WANT ANYTHING?
ISN'T IT YOU WHO WANTS SOMETHING? TO BE THE BEST? TO BE THE FASTEST?
AND I AM! LISTEN, I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN UNDER A ROCK OR SOMETHING FOR AGES, BUT I'M KIND OF A BIG DEAL.
PROVE IT. RACE WITH US.
YOU WANT TO RACE? WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
BEAT US AND WE'LL TEACH YOU ALL OF OUR SECRETS. LOSE AND YOU HAVE TO JOIN US.
JOIN YOU? NO THANKS.
LOOK, SHADY, SHE'S AFRAID OF US.
MUST NOT BE THAT BIG OF A DEAL.
YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU TWO WANNA LOSE THAT BAD? LET'S DO IT!

OKAY, WE RACE TO THE END OF THE CANYON AND BACK. I WIN, YOU TWO GET LOST.
AND IF WE WIN—
SAVE YOUR BREATH, SHADY. YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT.
ON YOUR MARK—
GET SE— *HEY!*
LATER, SLOWPOKE.
OH NO YOU DON'T!
I HOPE YOUR BAGS ARE PACKED. BECAUSE YOU'RE CATCHING THE NEXT TRAIN BACK TO CREEPYVILLE.

WAH WAH! I DIDN'T KNOW BABIES COULD RACE.
HEY! CUT IT OUT!
THEY CAN'T!
SLAM!
QUIT CHEATING!
WHO'S CHEATING? NO ONE SAID WE COULDN'T SHOVE A LITTLE.
YEAH, JUST HEALTHY COMPETITION!
BAM!
OH, YEAH? WELL, I BET YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY IT AGAIN.
YOU'RE JUST A COUPLE OF LITTLE MAKE-BELIEVE PUNKS!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
WELL THEN, NO MORE MR. NICE PONY!

OUCH!
HEY, THAT WAS MY TURN!
WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT. STUCK IN A LOG LIKE TWO—
THUNK
—CHANGELINGS?!
THAT'S RIGHT. WE WERE JUST A DISTRACTION TO KEEP YOU FROM MAKING IT TO CANTERLOT.
THE WONDERBOLTS WILL LEAVE WITHOUT YOU AND THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME TO STOP OUR QUEEN!
OH, SHOOT! I'VE GOTTA GET THERE QUICK! LATER, LOSERS.
DID SHE REALLY HAVE TO CALL US LOSERS? WORDS ARE SO HURTFUL.
YEAH, I MAY NOT HAVE CHUNKS OF MY BODY, BUT I STILL HAVE A HEART.
END!

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR TAKING TIME TO COME HERE, CHEESE SANDWICH.
OF COURSE, PRINCESS TWILIGHT!
HOW COULD I TURN DOWN THE CHANCE TO THROW A SURPRISE BIRTHAVERSARY PARTY FOR PINKIE PIE, THE PARTIEST PONY IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA?
YOU'RE SURE PINKIE WON'T COME INTO TOWN WHILE I'M WORKING AND RUIN THE SURPRISE?
POSTIVE!
I'VE TASKED RAINBOW DASH WITH KEEPING PINKIE BUSY AND OUT OF TOWN ALL DAY.
SUPER!
I'LL CHECK BACK LATER!
OKEY DOKEY!

LET'S SEE... SO MANY RUBBER CHICKENS, SO LITTLE TIME.
CHEESE SANDWICH?!
PINKIE PIE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT AM I DOING HERE? I THINK THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WITH RAINBOW DASH?
WE ***WERE*** SUPPOSED TO MEET EARLIER AT SUGAR CUBE CORNER, BUT SHE NEVER SHOWED.
WAIT A SECOND! THIS LOOKS AN AWFUL LOT LIKE PARTY PLANNING!
IT DOES?

ANYONE I KNOW?
WELL, YES... IN FACT IT'S...
SWEETIE DROPS!
SWEETIE DROPS?
UHH, YEAH. LYRA ASKED ME TO PLAN A PARTY FOR SWEETIE DROPS.
BUT LYRA ALWAYS HAS ME DO SWEETIE DROPS' PARTIES. WHY WOULDN'T SHE ASK ME THIS YEAR?
GEE PINKIE, I DON'T KNOW.
MAYBE SHE THOUGHT I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT EVERY YEAR, WHICH IS ACTUALLY KIND OF THOUGHTFUL AND—
HEY, IS THIS A GAIT & COLT INDUSTRIAL SIZED SUPER PARTY PLANNING CANNON?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THESE IN PERSON!
HOW MUCH CONFETTI DOES THIS BABY HOLD AT ONE TIME?

AND LOOK AT THE DETAILING ON THESE TREADS!
PRET-TY FANCY, DON'T YA THINK?
ANY CLUE WHAT THE STREAMER VELOCITY IS?
DID YOU HEAR ME, CHEESE?
SAY, ARE YOU FEELING OK? YOU'RE NOT LOOKING SO GREAT.
BAM!
YOU'RE NOT ACTING SO GREAT EITHER.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
PINKIE PIE!
CHEESE? HOW CAN YOU BE OVER THERE IF YOU'RE OVER...
CHANGELINGS!
HOW DARE YOU IMPERSONATE THE ONE AND ONLY *CHEESE SANDWICH!*
COME AND GET ME!
BOOM!

PINKIE, HELP!
ARE YOU READY *BONELESS II* AND *III*?
CUZ YOU'VE GOT A PARTY WITH SOME CHANGELINGS.
BOOM!
YES!

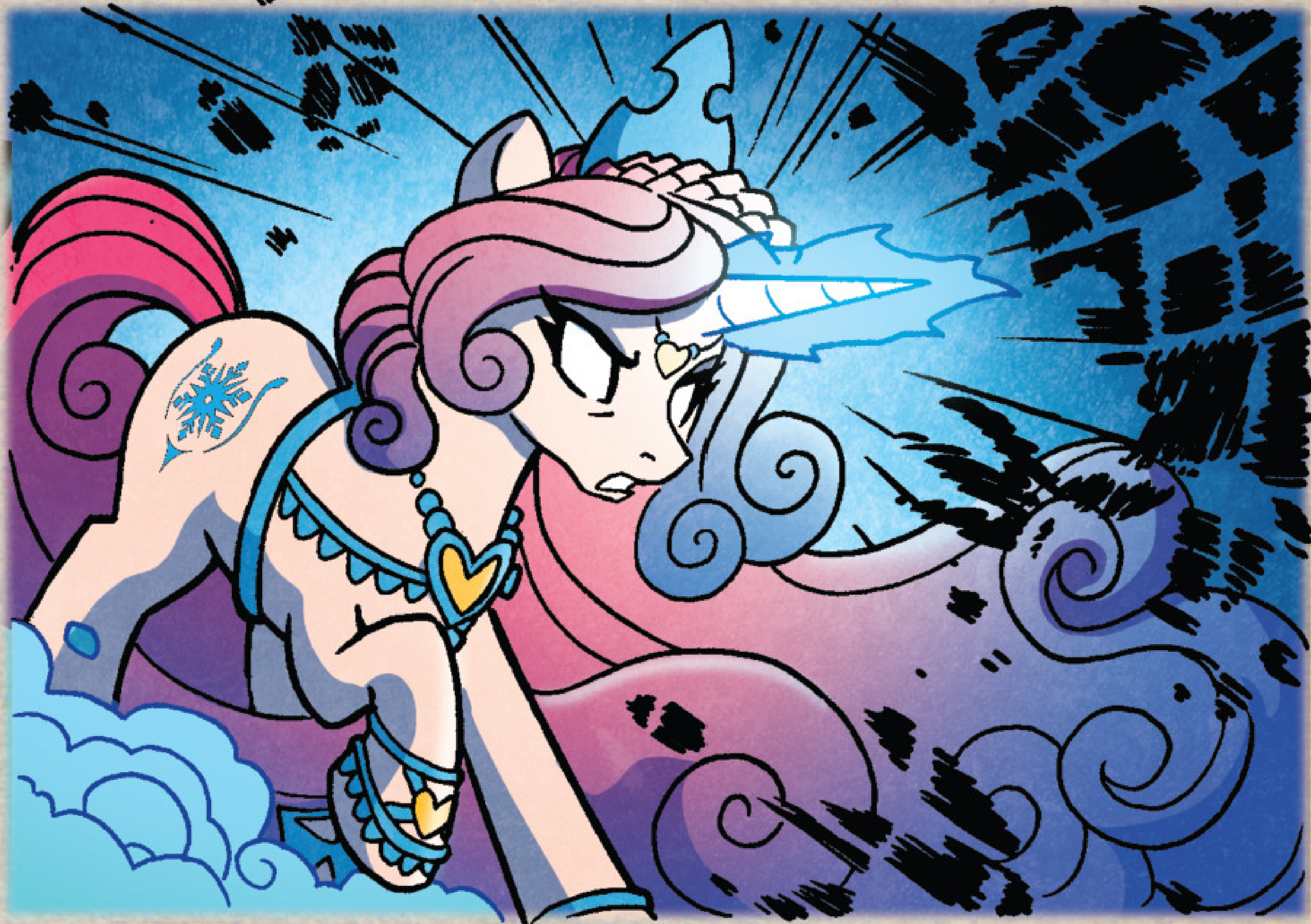
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SUCH A GOOD SHOT!
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE HAD YEARS OF CANNON PRACTICE!
THAT'S A REALLY GOOD THING.
WHY?
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT MAY BE HANDY ABOUT NOW.
WE'VE GOT TWO CANNONS AND A PILE OF RUBBER CHICKENS.
ARE YOU READY TO DO THIS?
I WAS BORN READY.
WHAM!
BAM!
POW!

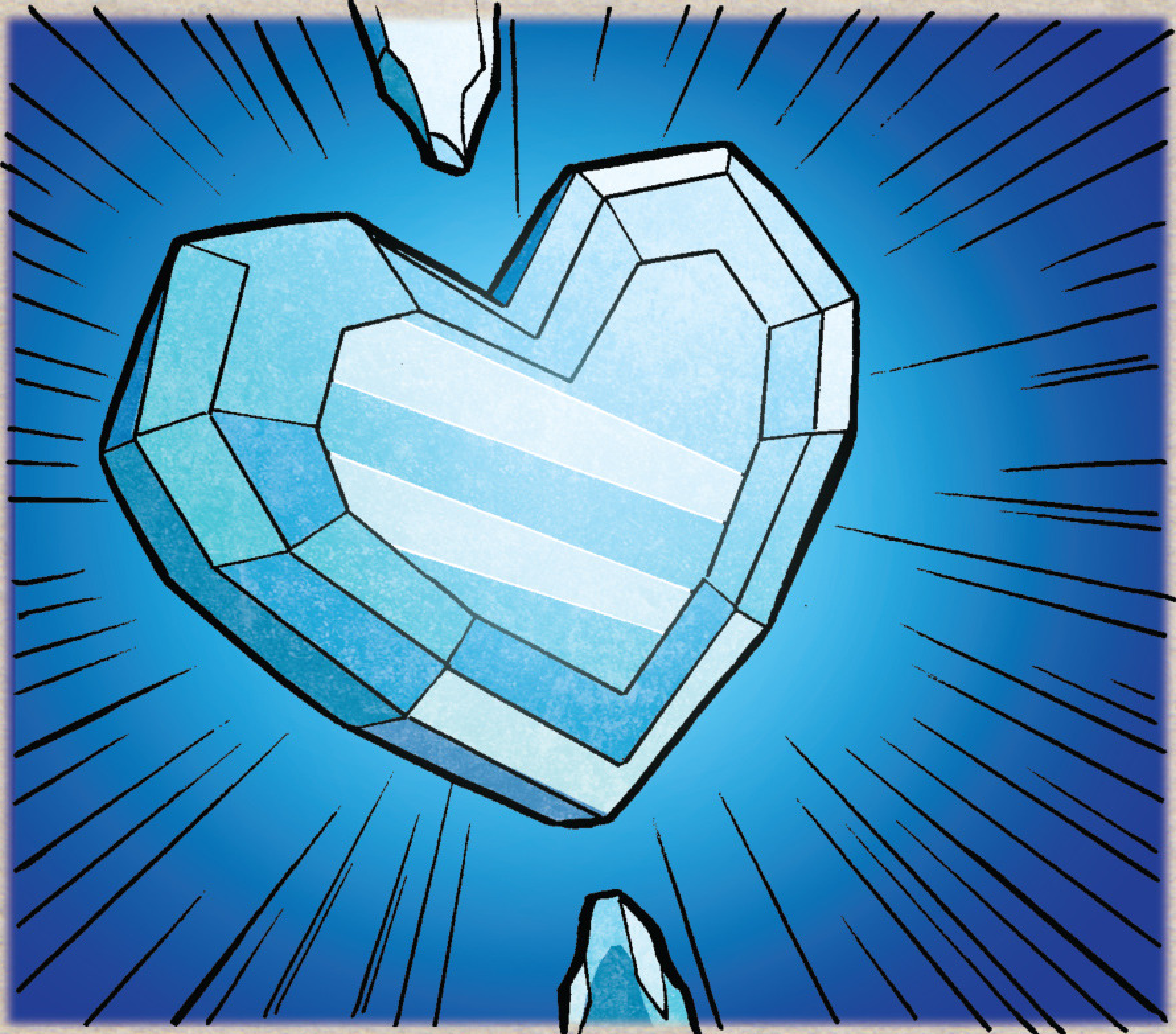
HIT THE ROAD YOU PARTY CRASHERS!
AND DON'T COME BACK!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME BACK THERE.
OF COURSE!
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE!
DID TWILIGHT BRING YOU HERE TO PLAN MY BIRTHAVERSARY PARTY?
MAYBE...
SAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?
HELP PLAN MY OWN PARTY?
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE THE PARTIEST PONY IN ALL OF EQUESTRIA!
AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF US—
IT'LL BE THE BEST PARTY EVER!
THE END!

DON'T YOU DARE!
BUT OUR PONIES ARE UNDER ATTACK, CADANCE!
RIGHT, BUT ONLY BY PESTS. THERE'S NO SIGN OF CHRYSALIS YET AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HER PLAN IS.
SO WE JUST WAIT AROUND TO SEE IF THINGS **DO** GET WORSE?
PRECISELY. FOR NOW THE CASTLE IS PROTECTED BY MY MAGIC AND CELESTIA HAS ASKED US TO STAY PUT.
BUT I COULD—
GO OUT THERE AND GET KIDNAPPED AND REPLACED BY A CHANGELING AND I'D NEVER KNOW? I COULD END UP RAISING OUR CHILD WITH A CHANGELING FATHER?
BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...
DOING SOMETHING DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN RUNNING HORN FIRST INTO BATTLE.
HMMM...WHAT WOULD TWILIGHT DO? WAIT, I KNOW!

RESEARCH!
CRYSTAL FARMER'S ALMANAC, A TALE OF TWO CRYSTALS, CRYSTAL BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...
HOW DOES TWILIGHT DO THIS? I DON' EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR AND—
WAIT, WHAT'S THIS ONE? "AMORE: THE FIRST CRYSTAL PRINCESS"...
SHE DEFENDED THE EMPIRE FOR YEARS, MAYBE SHE'S STILL GOT A FEW TRICKS IN HER SADDLEBAG.

Princess Amore was the first princess of the Crystal Empire and frequently had to lead the crystal ponies to beat back monsters on all sides.



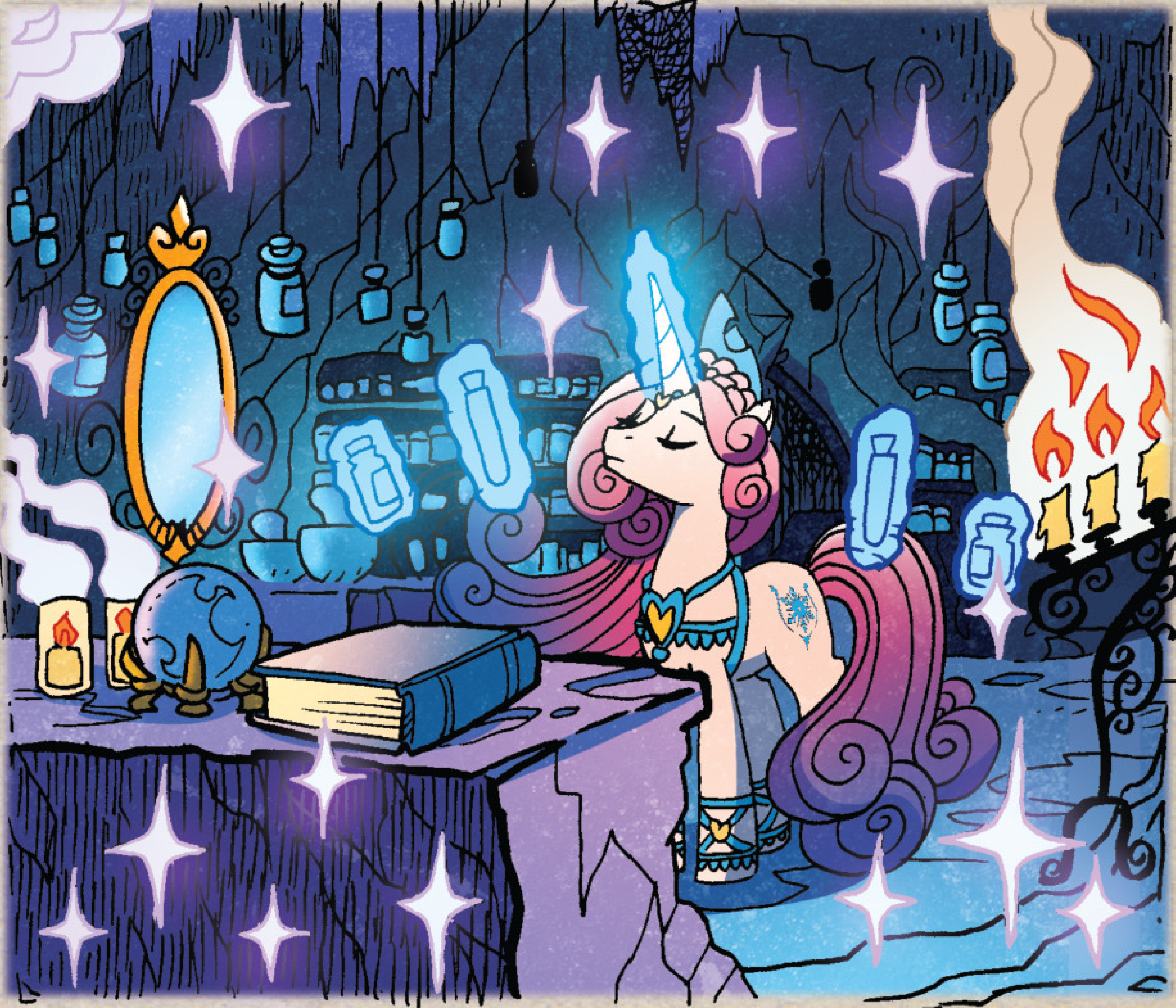


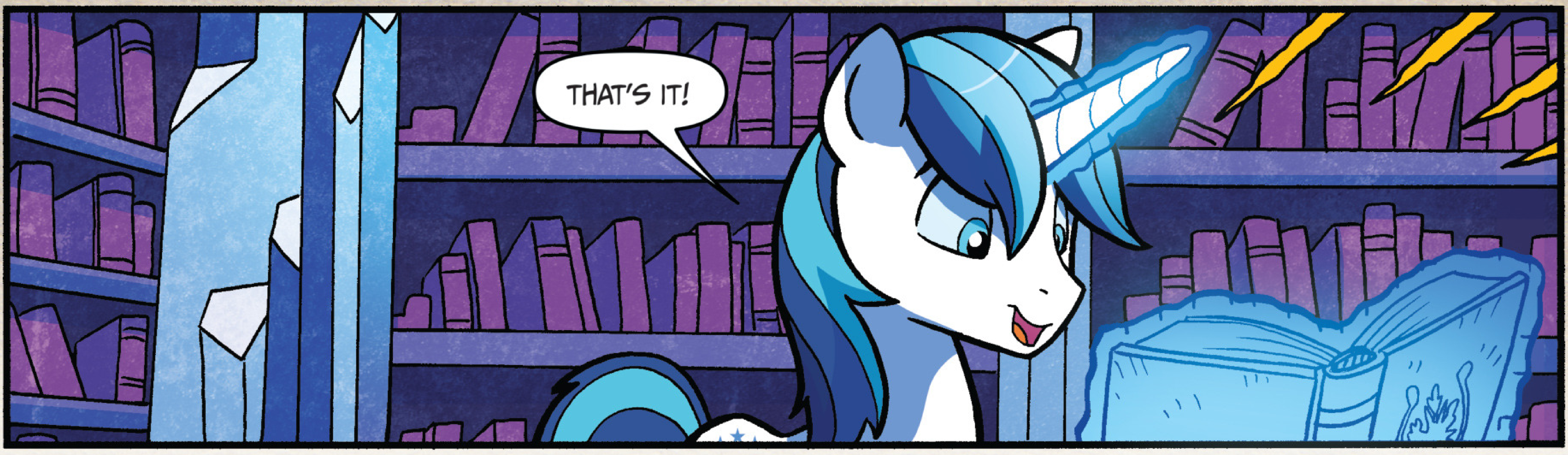
As a result, she was forced to create a number of spells and magical relics to aid in her ponies' defense.

The best known is the Crystal Heart, a magic so powerful it pushed most creatures beyond the borders of the Empire.

But deep in the Crystal Caverns under the city, Amore stored a number of magics too dangerous to be left in the open.

She sealed them away, just in case the Empire should need to be defended again. Protected by the magical creatures and spells that lurk in the caverns.





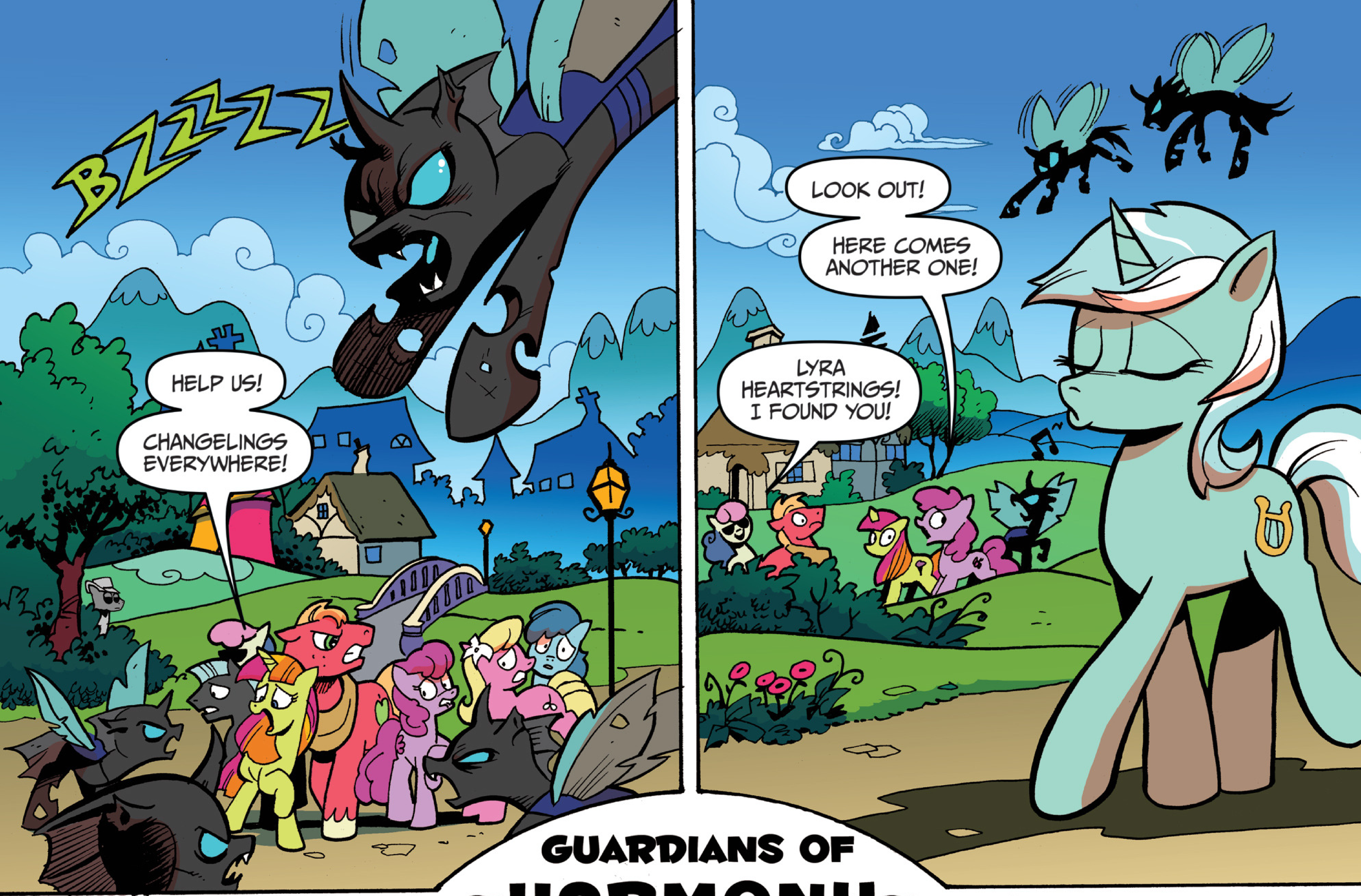
NOW, LET'S SEE. HOW CAN WE GET INTO THE CRYSTAL CAVERNS?
WELL, ONLY ONE DOOR TO TRY.
WELL, THIS CERTAINLY DOESN'T *FEEL* LESS DANGEROUS THAN DEALING WITH CHANGELINGS.
OKAY, LET'S HOPE SOME OF THOSE SPELLS ARE STILL GOOD AFTER... I'M GOING TO GUESS TWO-THOUSAND YEARS?

HELLO? IS SOMEPONY IN HERE?
SCRATCH
SCRAAAAPE
IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE I CAN HELP YOU. HELLO?
HELLO? SHINING ARMOR?
WHO'S THERE? ARE YOU OKAY? KEEP TALKING SO I CAN FIND YOU!
I'M HERE! I'M TRAPPED! PLEASE, HELP!
SHINING ARMOR! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
FLUTTERSHY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I CAME TO HELP, BUT THEN THERE WAS A HURT BUNNY AND IT HOPPED INTO THE TUNNELS.
AND I GUESS THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE FLOOR.
YES, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN WALK.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE IN THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE. DID CELESTIA SEND YOU? IS TWILIGHT HERE?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
BUZZZZZZZZ

WELL, IF YOU GOT IN, THE CHANGELINGS MUST HAVE TOO.
OH NO! WAIT, WHY WERE YOU IN HERE, SHINING ARMOR?
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
I WAS LOOKING FOR A SPELL PRINCESS AMORE MADE TO HELP SAVE THE KINGDOM.
OH! WELL YOU'D BETTER FIND IT THEN! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
THAT'S NOT AN OPTION, FLUTTERSHY. I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE.
DON'T BE SILLY, I'M NOT IMPORTANT. SAVE THE KINGDOM.
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
BUZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
THAT'S REALLY LOUD. THERE MUST BE A LOT OF THEM. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT ALL OF THEM?
BUZZZZZZZZZ
IT DOESN'T MATTER. SAVING ONE PONY IS AS IMPORTANT AS SAVING ALL OF THEM.

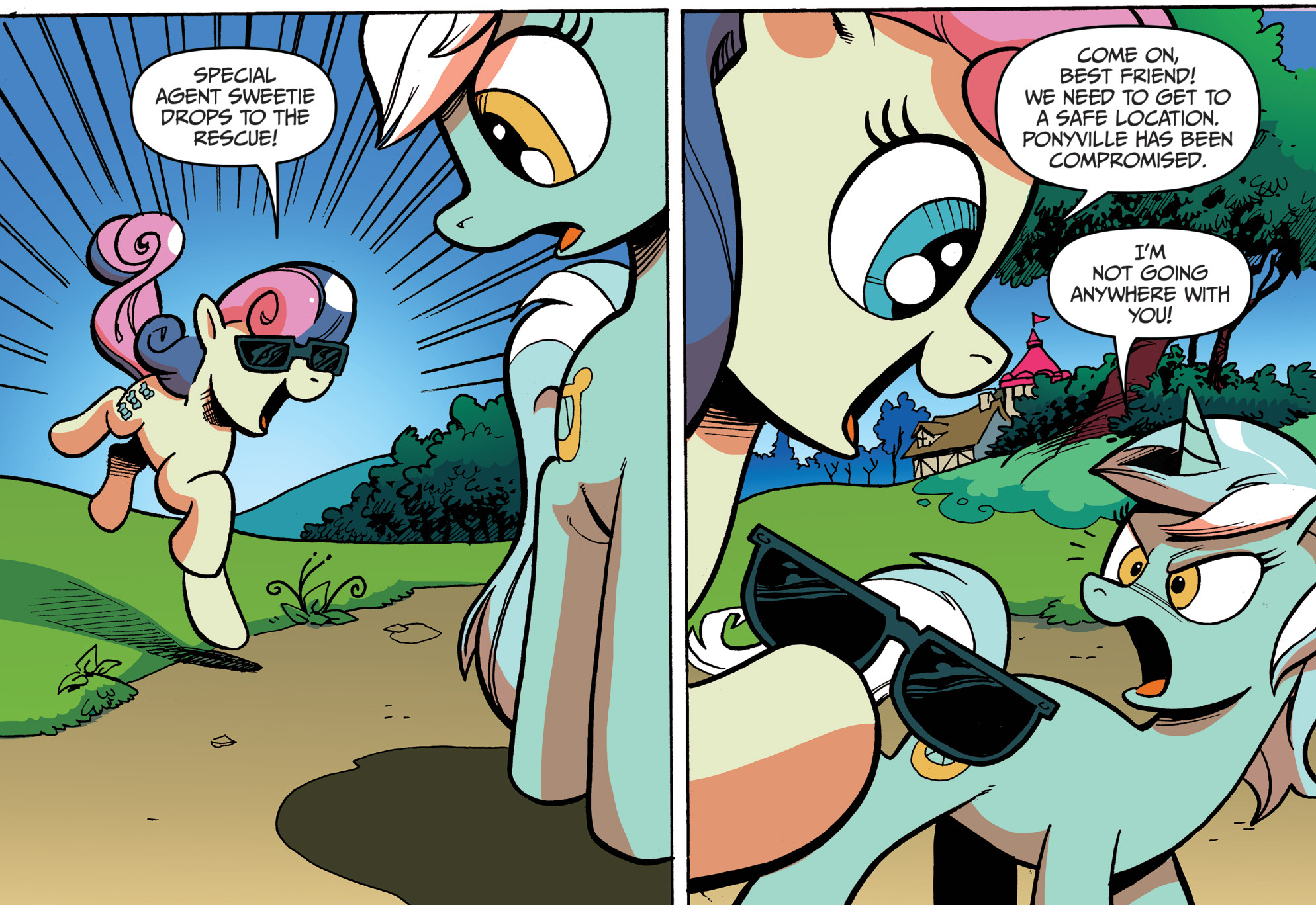
WELL SAID, PRINCE SHINING ARMOR.
WHA? WHO?
FLUTTERSHY? WHERE'D YOU GO?
SHE WAS NEVER HERE, SHINING ARMOR. IT WAS A TEST AND YOU PASSED.
PRINCESS AMORE? I THOUGHT YOU WERE—
GONE, YES. THIS IS ONLY AN ENCHANTMENT. ONE DESIGNED TO TEST THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO USE MY STRONGEST SPELLS.
A TRUE RULER, ONE WORTHY OF THE POWER WITHIN, KNOWS THAT THE LIFE OF EVERY PONY IS PRECIOUS. IF YOU HAD LEFT YOUR FRIEND TO SEARCH FOR THE HIDDEN CHAMBER, YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER FOUND IT.
CRACK!
BUT I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE EMPIRE IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY SUCH A KIND AND COMPASSIONATE PONY.

WHAT WAS ONCE MINE IS NOW YOURS. I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
THANK YOU PRINCESS, BUT—
GONE. WELL, HOPEFULLY THERE IS SOMETHING IN HERE THAT CAN HELP.
MAYBE TWO THOUSAND YEARS WAS TOO LONG. OR SOMETHING GOT IN HERE—
—*WAIT!*
THIS ONE STILL LOOKS GOOD! MAYBE WE CAN USE IT! MAYBE IT CAN SAVE THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE!
BUT... WHAT DOES IT EVEN DO?
THE END!


BZZZZZZ
HELP US!
CHANGELINGS EVERYWHERE!
LOOK OUT!
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!
LYRA HEARTSTRINGS! I FOUND YOU!

GUARDIANS OF ~HARMONY~

Twilight Sparkle


SPECIAL AGENT SWEETIE DROPS TO THE RESCUE!
COME ON, BEST FRIEND! WE NEED TO GET TO A SAFE LOCATION. PONYVILLE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU!

WHAT?
YOU HEARD ME! YOU'RE A TERRIBLE FRIEND!
HUH?
AND YOUR MANE IS STUPID!
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT? YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND!
BUT, YOU SAID YOU LIKED MY MANE!
JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER FRIENDS DOESN'T MAKE US B.F.F.S!
I LIED BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO CRY! BUT NOW I DON'T CARE! I WANT YOU TO BE SAD!
NO! LYRA, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME!
NO!
BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS SECRETLY *HATED* YOU!
STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING FRIEND STEALER!

HUH?
SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP AGENT LYRA HEARTSTRINGS TO THE RESCUE! GO FRIENDSHIP ACTION HARP!
BONK
OH SHUCKS!
A CHANGELING!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND NOW THAT YOUR REAL FRIEND IS—
BUZZ!
ZOT!
HEY! GET BACK HERE! I WASN'T DONE TALKING TO—
AND IT'S GONE... GIRLS, WE NEED TO GET YOU BACK TO THE CASTLE!
YOU SAVED ME!
OF COURSE I DID! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT GETS TO DO SAVING IN THIS RELATIONSHIP!

I HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO CAPTURE THESE CHANGELINGS OR I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP THIS INVASION.
WHEN DID YOU GET A "FRIENDSHIP ACTION HARP"?
OH, IT'S JUST MY NORMAL HARP, BUT I THREW IT EXTRA HARD. BECAUSE FRIENDSHIP.
I SWEAR I'VE ZAPPED THE SAME ONE FOUR OR FIVE TIMES NOW. THEN THEY FLY OFF AND CHANGE INTO SOMEPONY ELSE.
THAT MAKES SENSE. HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY MANE?
IT'S THE MOST GLORIOUS MANE I'VE EVER SEEN.
I FEEL LIKE I'M MISSING SOMETHING. THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF SPELL OR RELIC. IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF SIGN!
UMMM... TWILIGHT.
YOUR FLANK IS FLASHING.
OH GOODNESS! THE CUTIE MAP!
COME ON, GIRLS! THIS MIGHT BE WHAT WE NEED!

TWILIGHT! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! THE CUTIE MAP—
YEAH, BUT—
I KNOW, SPIKE! IT WANTS ME!
IT WANTS ME TO COME... HERE?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY!
I'M ALREADY HERE, WHAT DOES IT WANT ME TO DO?
THE CALL'S COMING FROM INSIDE THE CASTLE!
WHOA, SPOOKY!
IT'S POINTING TO THE TOP OF THE CASTLE. QUICK, SPIKE, LET'S GO!
TWILIGHT, WAIT!
NO TIME, SPIKE!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE STAIRS.

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS DOOR BEFORE. THIS DEFINITELY WASN'T HERE.
THIS INSCRIPTION IS HARD TO MAKE OUT.
"WHEN THE ENEMIES OF FRIENDSHIP DISGUISE THEIR INTENT, FRIENDSHIP'S PRINCESS MUST BECOME ITS CHAMPION."
"TO CLAIM THE ARMOR OF FRIENDSHIP, THE PRINCESS MUST APPROACH THE DOOR WITH TWO FRIENDS WHOSE RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN TESTED BY THE GREATEST OF CHALLENGES."
OH, HERE SHE IS! HI, TWILIGHT!
WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME HELP. COOL DOOR! HOW DO YOU—
—OH, NEVER MIND. IT'S OPENING.
IT'S WHAT?!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE OPENING IT?
NO, I... I THINK YOU ARE.
OOOOH!

"THE ARMOR OF FRIENDSHIP". WOW, SPARKLY.
OKAY, SO, WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?
HERE IT SAYS "WHEN THE PRINCESS OF FRIENDSHIP WEARS THE ARMOR, SHE SHALL SEE THE TRUTH AND CAPTURE THE LIARS."
I DON'T KNOW IF—
THERE'S MORE, HANG ON.
IT SAYS "YOU CAN DO IT, TWILIGHT SPARKLE."
WHAT NOW? LET ME SEE!
IT'S YOUR SIZE TOO.
IF YOU DON'T PUT THAT ON, I'M GOING TO.
CAN WE ALL GET COOL ARMOR NOW?
"OKAY, SPIKE, I'M FLYING IN OVER PONYVILLE. LET'S SEE HOW THIS THING WORKS!"

CHECK OUT THAT GROUP DOWN THERE. WE GOT ANY BUGS?
SEARCHING...
I'VE GOT HIM. GOING IN.
UH OH.
GOTCHA!
WOO HOO!
!
SNAG!
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL HAVE THIS INFESTATION CLEANED UP BY NOON!
AND THEN IT'S ON TO THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE!
END!

SPITFIRE AND SOARIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING.
WHEN YOU CALL, THE WONDERBOLTS ARE AT YOUR SERVICE, YOUR MAJESTY.
WE ARE READY TO PROTECT CANTERLOT FROM THE CHANGELING THREAT.
AND THAT IS APPRECIATED, BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I CALLED YOU.
BETWEEN LUNA AND MYSELF, WE CAN NO DOUBT DEFEND CANTERLOT.
WE HAVE FACED THESE THREATS BEFORE.
"THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE ON THE OTHER HAND IS IN DESPERATE NEED.
"THEY HAVE NO AIR SUPPORT AND THEIR DEFENSES ARE FAILING FAST."
SAY NO MORE, YOUR MAJESTY. THE WONDERBOLTS ARE ON THE JOB.
UMMM...
THANK YOU, SPITFIRE. I LEAVE IT IN YOUR CAPABLE HOOVES.

UMMM... SPITFIRE, CAN I TALK TO YOU A MOMENT?
SURE, SOARIN. WHAT'S UP?
SHE SAID THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE'S DEFENSES WERE FAILING.
YEP.
AND THEY NEED HELP RIGHT NOW.
YEP.
AND THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF EQUESTRIA. WE'RE THE FASTEST FLIERS IN EQUESTRIA AND THAT'LL STILL TAKE FOREVER.
TOO LONG TO FLY NORMALLY.
EXACTLY.
AND YOU TOLD PRINCESS CELESTIA WE COULD HELP THEM.
YEP.
WE'LL BE *WAY* TOO LATE!
USUALLY. BUT I HAVE A PLAN.
YOU GET EVERYBODY HERE. I'LL BE BACK!

OH YEAH.
THIS IS GONNA
BE FUN.

FLEETFOOT, EQUESTRIA NEEDS YOU.
LEAD THE WAY!
FIRESTREAK!
WANNA GO SAVE THE WORLD?
TRY AND STOP ME!
Z
MISTY FLY!
POOF
ZZZZZIP
GET THE LEAD OUT!
I'M COMING!

SURPRISE!
CAN YOU EVEN HEAR ME?
OH, YOU WERE CALLING ME. I JUST THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS—THIS HAPPENS A LOT TO ME.
PF! PF! PF!
PIF!
NICE CLOUD BUSTING, HIGH WINDS!
UH, THANKS.
YOU WANNA BUST SOME CHANGELINGS INSTEAD?
OH GOODNESS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAVE KEPT HER. DASH LEFT AS SOON AS SHE HEARD.
AND THERE THEY GO TOO. WHEN DID PONIES STOP SAYING GOODBYE?

ONE... THREE... SIX... WHERE'S RAINBOW DASH?
DON'T KNOW. NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
THAT'S NOT LIKE HER. NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU ALL.
THIS RIGHT HERE IS A PROTOTYPE SONIC GLIDER. IT'S BRAND NEW. IT'S NEVER BEEN TESTED. IT MIGHT BLOW UP.
IT WILL HELP ANY PEGASUS REACH SUPERSONIC SPEEDS, CAUSING A SONIC RAINBOOM.
SORRY, DID YOU SAY IT MIGHT BLOW UP?
THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE IS UNDER ATTACK AND IF WE DON'T GET THERE FAST, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THIS IS THE REAL DEAL, WONDERBOLTS.
OKAY, EVERYBODY FLIP THE SWITCH ON ONE! TWO!

THREEEEEEEEEE!

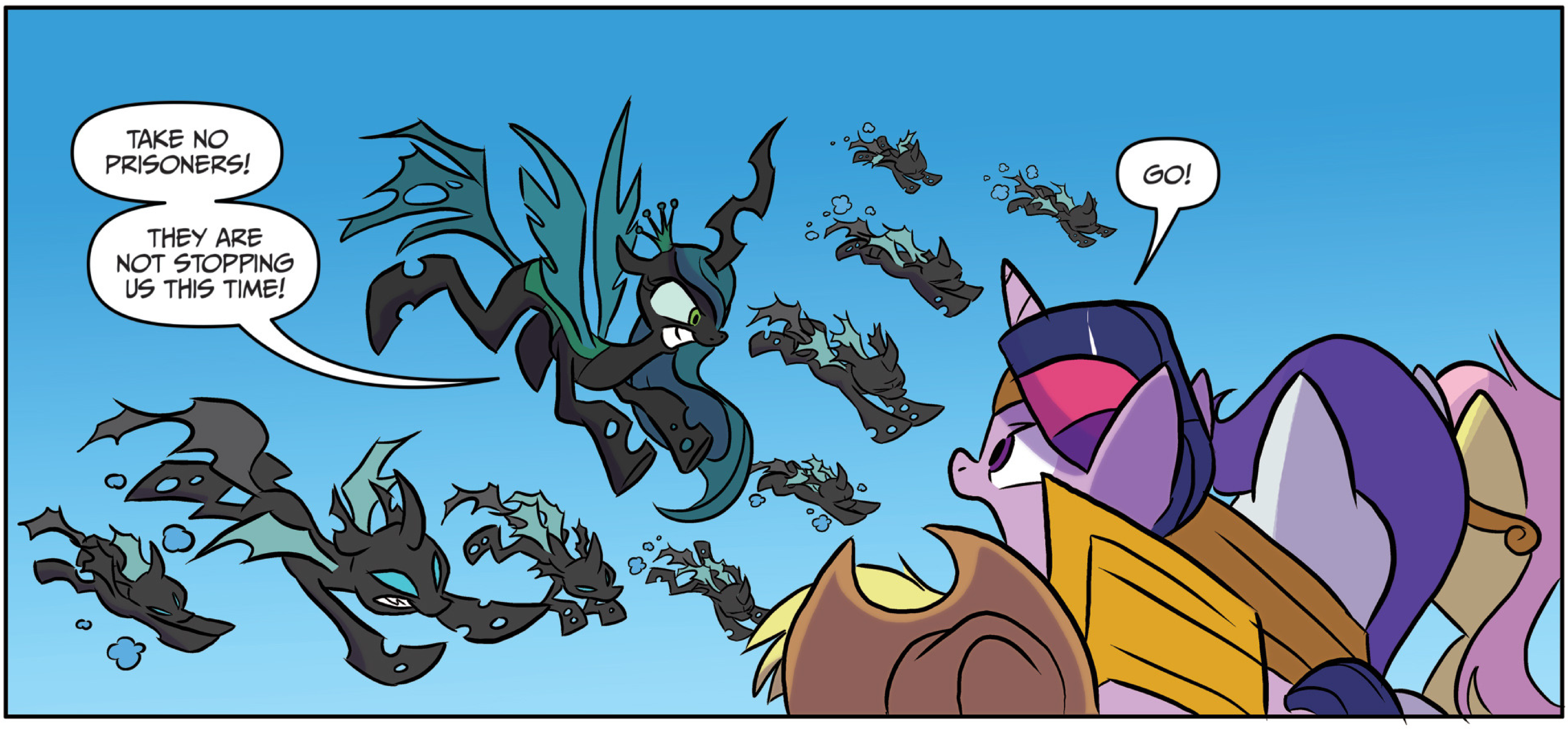
BOFF
OUCH!
ALL RIGHT, WONDERBOLTS! LET'S SWAT THESE BUGS!
LET'S JUST HOPE SOMEPONY ELSE HAS A PLAN TO STOP THIS ARMY...
THE END!

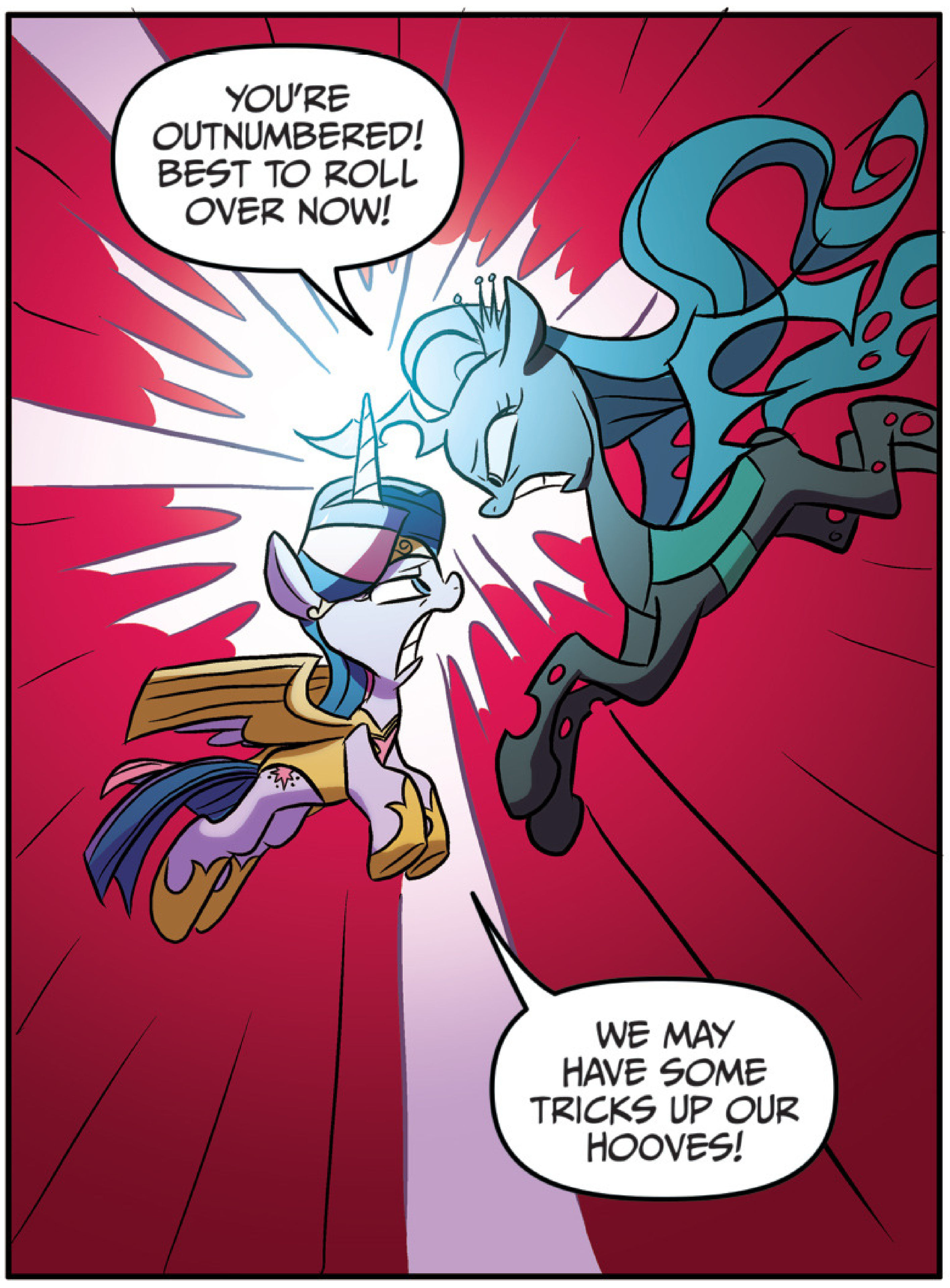
TWILIGHT!
THE CHANGELINGS!
ARE BACK!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT DIVINE OUTFIT?
I'LL EXPLAIN THE ARMOR LATER, RARITY.
I KNOW THE CHANGELINGS ARE BACK. THEY'VE BEEN SPOTTED ALL OVER EQUESTRIA!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS IT?
IT'S FROM PRINCESS CELESTIA. QUEEN CHRYSALIS AND A SWARM OF CHANGELINGS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED HEADING TOWARDS PONYVILLE!
CAN'T YOU PUT ONE OF THEM PROTECTION SPELLS AROUND PONYVILLE?
THERE MAY NOT BE TIME!
TWILY!

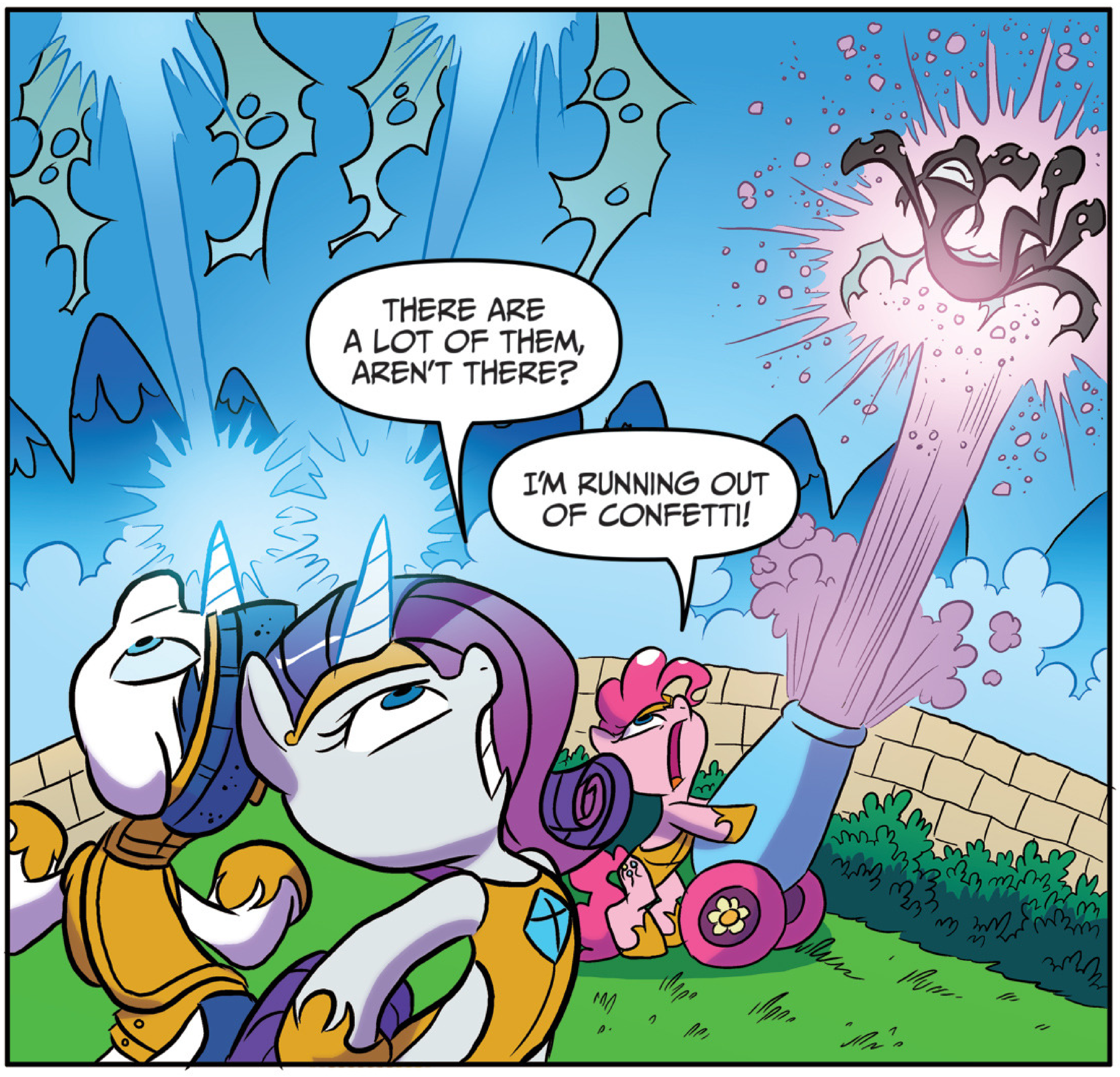
SHINING ARMOR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
WHEN WE REALIZED CHRYSALIS WAS PLANNING HER ATTACK ON PONYVILLE, I RAN HERE FROM THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE.
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO BRING YOU...
WHAT IS IT?
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
AND WHAT DOES IT DO?
IT CAME FROM THE CATACOMBS OF THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE.
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT DOES.
IT'S A DRAGON?
THIS IS ANCIENT MAGIC AND COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS.
I'M NOT SO SURE WE SHOULD USE IT.
BUT TWILY!

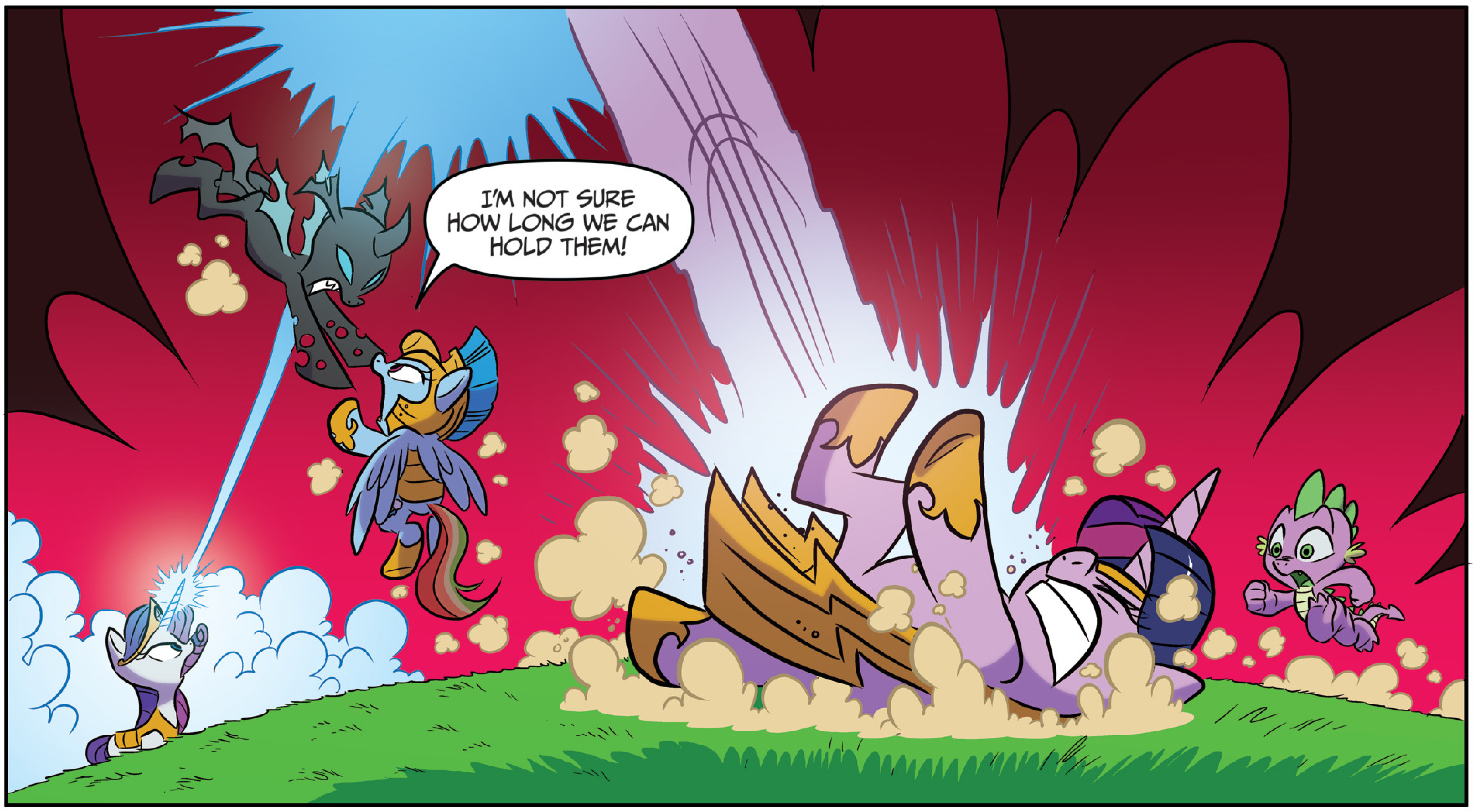
BUT SUGAR CUBE! CHRYSALIS IS GOING TO BE HERE ANYTIME!
AND IF ANYPONY IS CAPABLE OF WIELDING ANCIENT MAGIC, IT'S YOU.
THIS MAY BE OUR ONLY HOPE!
UH, TWILIGHT?
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
AND WITH YOU BY MY SIDE, WE USUALLY CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!
UM, TWILIGHT?
THOUGH I'M JUST GOING TO TRY A LITTLE.
WELL?
NOTHING...
WAIT! I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
EVERYPONY, STAND BACK!

NOT BAD!
THESE SHOULD GIVE US ADDED PROTECTION AGAINST CHRYSALIS AND HER CHANGELINGS!
TWILIGHT!
AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON! HERE THEY COME.
GET READY EVERYONE!
TWIIIIIILIIGHT!
SPIKE! WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
YOU NEED TO USE THAT SPELL ON *ME!*
NO WAY! THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR A LITTLE DRAGON LIKE YOU.
THAT STATUE OF ME IN THE CRYSTAL EMPIRE BEGS TO DIFFER.
THAT SPELL IS FOR *ME*. I JUST KNOW IT!
AND I KNOW YOU NEED TO TAKE COVER. *NOW!*
OK PONIES, STAND YOUR GROUND.
FOR PONYVILLE!


TAKE NO PRISONERS!
THEY ARE NOT STOPPING US THIS TIME!
GO!


YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED! BEST TO ROLL OVER NOW!
WE MAY HAVE SOME TRICKS UP OUR HOOVES!


THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM, AREN'T THERE?
I'M RUNNING OUT OF CONFETTI!


I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG WE CAN HOLD THEM!

TWILIGHT, WE'RE LOSING THE FIGHT!
YOU NEED TO DO THE SPELL ON ME, NOW!
PLEASE... TRUST ME.
...OK!
DO IT NOW, TWILIGHT!

THAT'S SOME ANCIENT MAGIC!
LET'S FINISH THIS!
CHANGELINGS! USE YOUR POWERS!
?!
NOW!
RETREAT! RETREAT!
LOOKS LIKE PONYVILLE IS SAFE!
FOR NOW.
THANKS TO OUR SPIKE!
YES, THANKS TO OUR SPIKE!
THE END!

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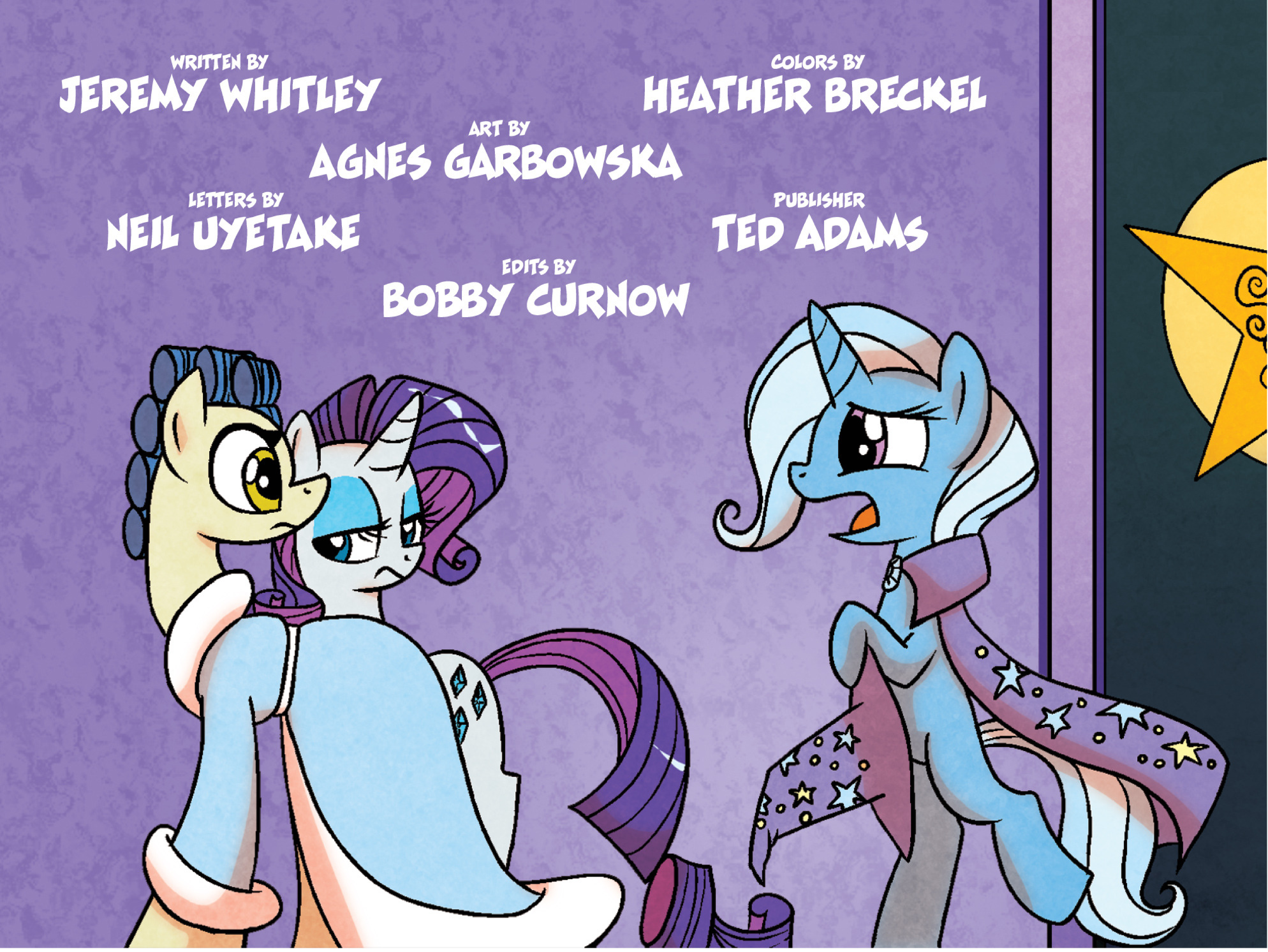

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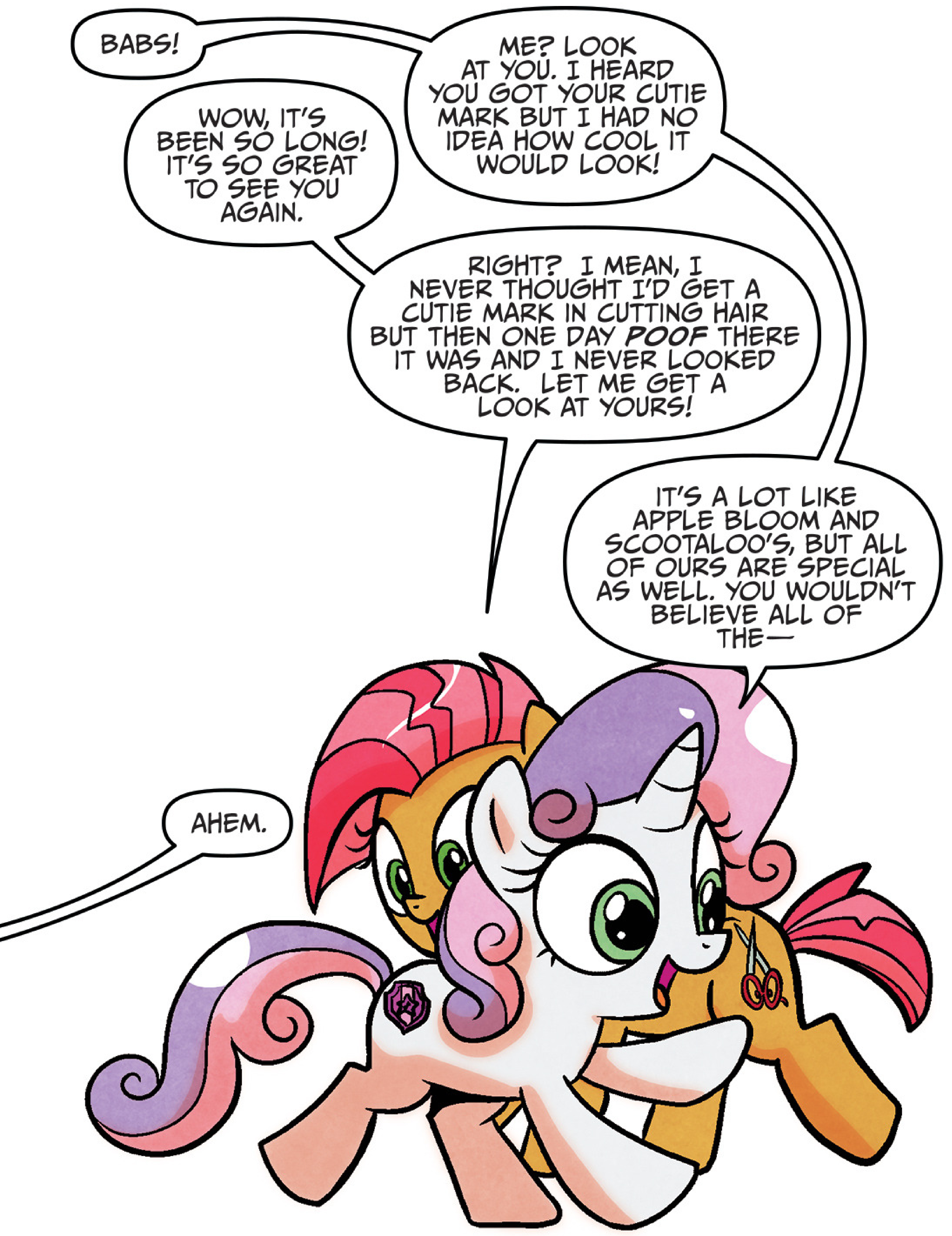
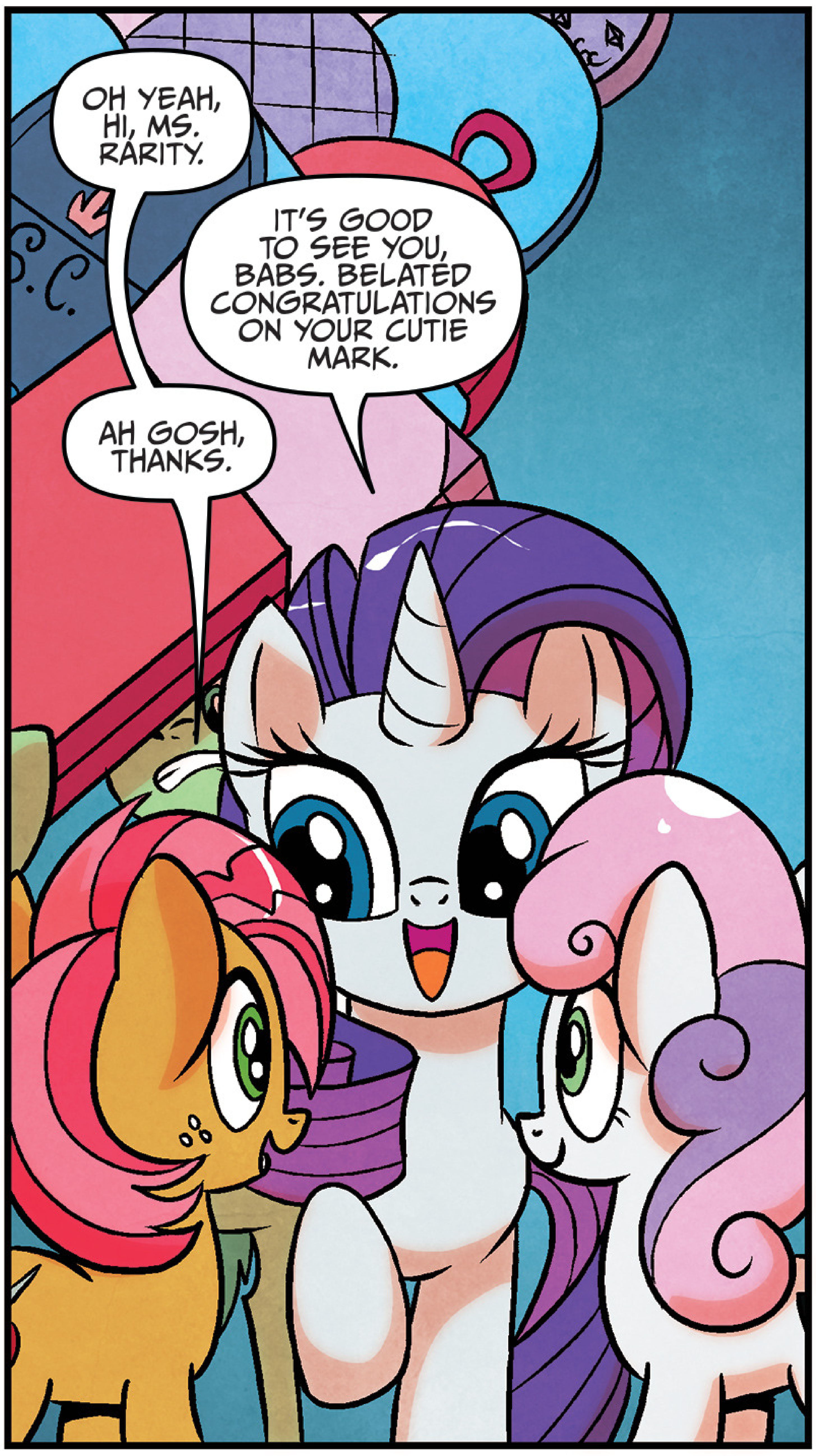
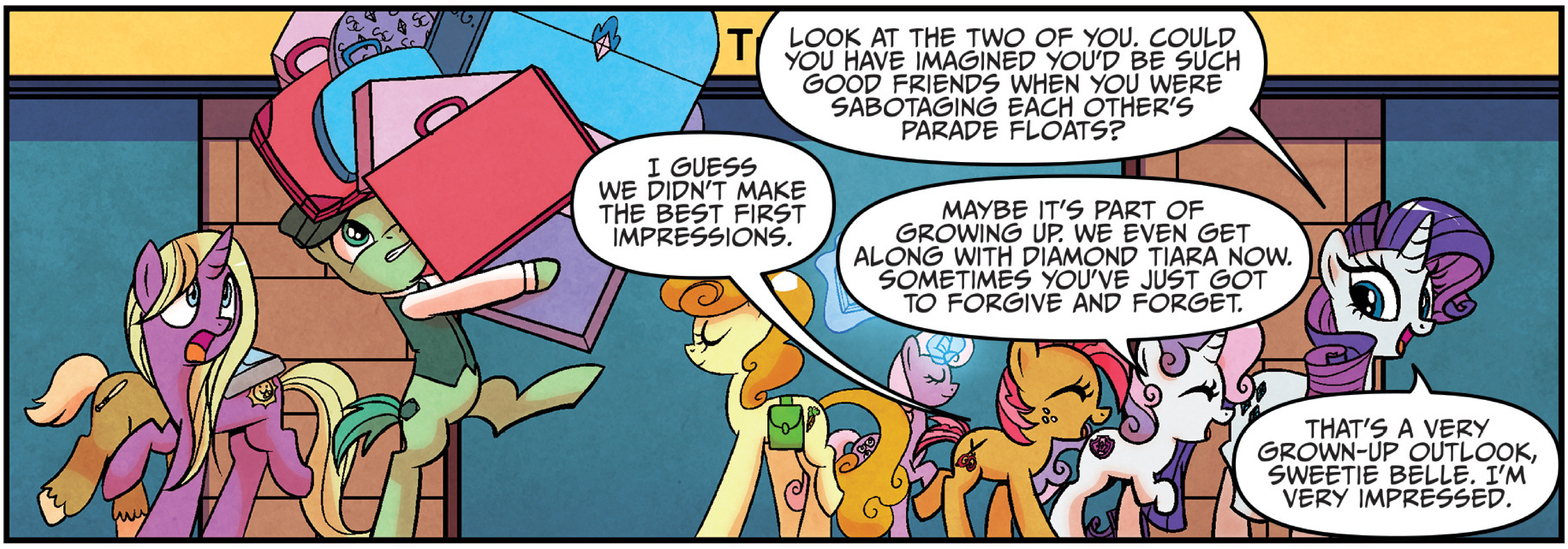
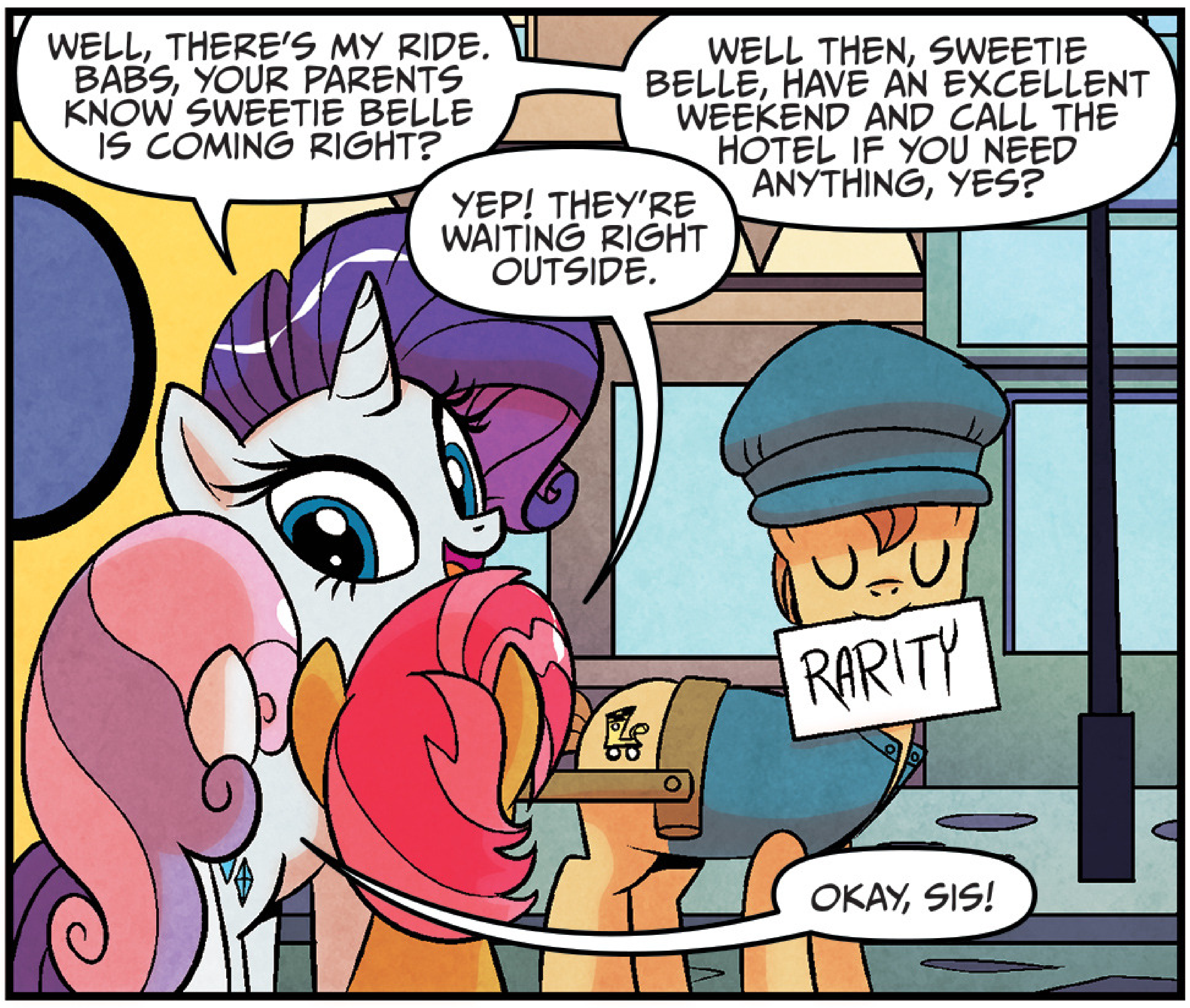
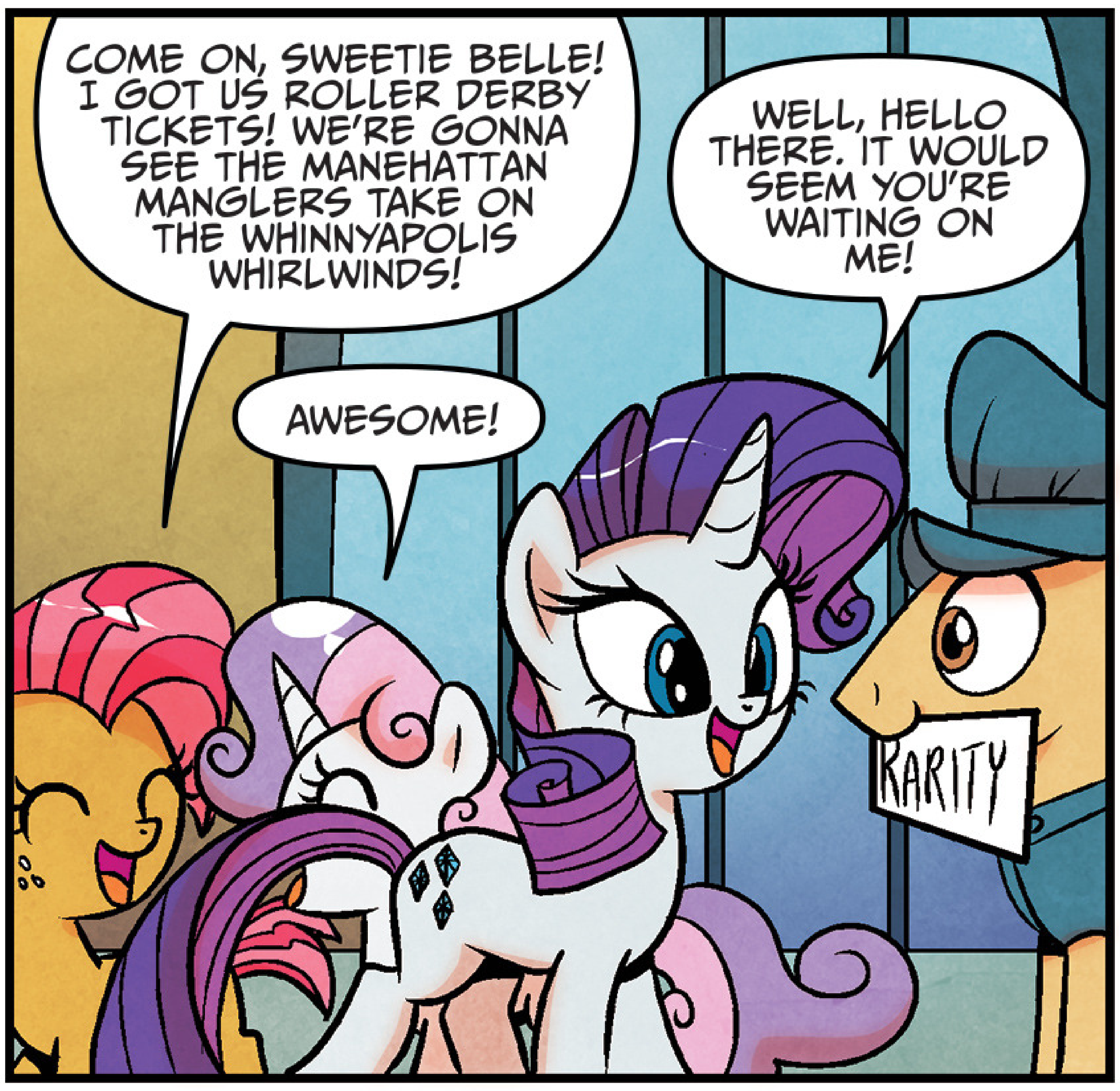
NEXT STOP, MANEHATTAN, PEN STATION.
THAT'S US, SWEETIE BELLE. ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING?
YUP! AND IT LOOKS LIKE ANYTHING I FORGOT, YOU PROBABLY BROUGHT THREE OF.
S.C.
WELL, WHEN YOU'RE IN MANEHATTAN THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BEING OVER-PREPARED.
IF YOU SAY SO.
I DO. SAPPHIRE SHORES ONLY NEEDS A FITTING, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO FASHION ONE MUST BE PREPARED FOR EVERY POSSIBLE EMERGENCY.
S.C.
I'M JUST GLAD I DIDN'T GET SICK THIS TIME! I'M SO EXCITED!
OF COURSE YOU ARE, DEAR, IT'S EXCITING. NOW IS YOUR FRIEND MEETING US—
SWEETIE BELLE!


BABS!
WOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG! IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
ME? LOOK AT YOU. I HEARD YOU GOT YOUR CUTIE MARK BUT I HAD NO IDEA HOW COOL IT WOULD LOOK!
RIGHT? I MEAN, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET A CUTIE MARK IN CUTTING HAIR BUT THEN ONE DAY *POOF* THERE IT WAS AND I NEVER LOOKED BACK. LET ME GET A LOOK AT YOURS!
IT'S A LOT LIKE APPLE BLOOM AND SCOOTALOO'S, BUT ALL OF OURS ARE SPECIAL AS WELL. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ALL OF THE—
AHEM.


OH YEAH, HI, MS. RARITY.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, BABS. BELATED CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CUTIE MARK.
AH GOSH, THANKS.


LOOK AT THE TWO OF YOU. COULD YOU HAVE IMAGINED YOU'D BE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WHEN YOU WERE SABOTAGING EACH OTHER'S PARADE FLOATS?
I GUESS WE DIDN'T MAKE THE BEST FIRST IMPRESSIONS.
MAYBE IT'S PART OF GROWING UP. WE EVEN GET ALONG WITH DIAMOND TIARA NOW. SOMETIMES YOU'VE JUST GOT TO FORGIVE AND FORGET.
THAT'S A VERY GROWN-UP OUTLOOK, SWEETIE BELLE. I'M VERY IMPRESSED.


WELL, THERE'S MY RIDE. BABS, YOUR PARENTS KNOW SWEETIE BELLE IS COMING RIGHT?
YEP! THEY'RE WAITING RIGHT OUTSIDE.
WELL THEN, SWEETIE BELLE, HAVE AN EXCELLENT WEEKEND AND CALL THE HOTEL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, YES?
RARITY
OKAY, SIS!


COME ON, SWEETIE BELLE! I GOT US ROLLER DERBY TICKETS! WE'RE GONNA SEE THE MANEHATTAN MANGLERS TAKE ON THE WHINNYAPOLIS WHIRLWINDS!
AWESOME!
WELL, HELLO THERE. IT WOULD SEEM YOU'RE WAITING ON ME!
RARITY

SAPPHIRE SHORES
The Formation Riding Tour
MADISON MARE GARDEN
OH MY, SHE DIDN'T TELL ME SHE WAS PLAYING AT MADISON MARE GARDEN.
THIS IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS VENUE IN ALL OF MANEHATTAN.
SURE IS, MA'AM. SOMEPONY GOOFS ON THIS STAGE, ALL OF EQUESTRIA WILL KNOW ABOUT IT BEFORE CELESTIA EVEN RAISES THE SUN.
WELL, THAT'S ONE INCREDIBLY PESSIMISTIC WAY TO LOOK AT IT.
HEY, I'M JUST A CAB DRIVER IN MANEHATTAN. I CALL 'EM LIKE I SEE 'EM.
WELL, ISN'T THAT REFRESHING.
HELLOOOOO EVERYBODY, I'M HEEEEERE!
OH MY.

#1 FAN
OH GOODNESS, THIS IS A DISASTER. WHERE CAN I EVEN BEGIN?
RARITY!
THANK CELESTIA YOU'RE HERE!
SAPPHIRE SHORES. HOW ARE YOU, DEAR? EVERYTHING HERE LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING WELL!
DON'T TRY TO SUGARCOAT IT, RARITY, THIS WHOLE THING IS A MESS.
OH NO, I MEAN, IT'S CERTAINLY BUSY AND THERE'S A LOT OF—
—NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT LOOKS LIKE A DISASTER. YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE PERFORMING AT MADISON MARE GARDEN!
I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE. BUT MY NEW SONG'S BEEN SO POPULAR WE SOLD OUT THE ORIGINAL VENUE IN A DAY. THEN A WEEK AGO, MY MANAGER SHOWS UP AND SAYS HE'S NEGOTIATED... THIS.
WELL, IT'S LIKE MY FRIEND RAINBOW DASH SAYS, "NO GUTS, NO GLORY!"
THIS FRIEND OF YOURS, SHE CRASHES INTO A LOT OF STUFF, DOESN'T SHE?
WELL... YES.

IT'S CREATED A LOT OF PROBLEMS. THE SHOW I HAD PLANNED IS TOO SMALL FOR THIS STAGE. PONIES IN THE BACK WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THE NUMBERS.
OH YES, THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.
SO WE NEED TO GO A LOT BIGGER.
WE'VE HAD TO BRING ON NEW BACKUP DANCERS. THEY'VE HAD TO LEARN EVERYTHING IN A WEEK.
GOODNESS.
WE'VE HAD TO CHANGE OUR LIGHTING, REWORK OUR SOUND EQUIPMENT, EVEN MAKE SOME CHANGES TO OUR CHECKLIST.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO HEAR THIS, BUT EVERYTHING WE PLANNED IS TOO SMALL.
AH, AND I'M GUESSING THAT INCLUDES—
—MY COSTUMES.
Sapphire Shores
LOOK, I KNOW YOU PUT A TON OF WORK INTO THESE AND THIS WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE A FITTING, BUT I'M REALLY HOPING YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME THROUGH FOR ME HERE.
YOU NEED A WHOLE NEW WARDROBE FOR THE SHOW?
YES. I NEED SOMETHING BIGGER. SOMETHING LOUDER. SOMETHING THAT SAYS I BELONG IN THE GARDEN.
IF IT'S WHAT YOU NEED, I'M HERE FOR YOU.
Sapphire Shores
GOOD. AND WE NEED THIS TO BE A COHESIVE VISUAL EXPERIENCE, SO I NEED YOU TO WORK WITH MY NEW SPECIAL EFFECTS WIZARD.
SPECIAL EFFECTS?

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